

County News and Views

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From the Office of Fifth District Supervisor Jerry Eaves

Energy Crisis Outreach Team

As a resident of San Bernardino County you are already aware of the skyrocketing cost of energy. You've heard stories – electricity costs increasing 30%, 50%, 100% or even more in some cases. The new rates that went into effect this summer ended on October 7. We are not “out –of-the-woods” yet, but there is something we can do.

The County Board of Supervisors has teamed up with Southern California Edison to offer solutions to local businesses. Nearly 60,000 businesses throughout the County will qualify for energy efficiency rebates. The County has a team of Energy Surveyors ready to provide qualified businesses with a FREE energy survey. The surveys will only take about 45 minutes and rebates are available for up to 100% of the fixtures and installation costs of energy efficiency measures. This effort is intended to keep businesses in our county prosperous.

Call (909) 381-7985 to express your interest. Don't wait, this program only lasts for a limited time and there are limited funds available.

County Resource Facility

The County Resource Facility located at 1585 E. Highland Avenue, at the corner of Del Rosa and Highland, aims to put residents to work. The program is open to all area residents who are looking for a job or want to upgrade. Though finding a job can be a very difficult experience the County is trying to make the process easier and more successful for anyone who lives in San Bernardino County.

The facility is open to anyone and there are no income restrictions. The office at Del Rosa and Highland includes several computers with Internet access to help people locate the right job. They also offer fax services to individuals who want to fax their resume to businesses and allow clients to call those businesses to set up interviews.

The keys to success in finding the right job include:

- Internet access to search for jobs.
- Job binders with jobs from school districts, government and private businesses.
- Computerized programs to improve typing skills.
- Computerized programs to create resumes.
- Information about community resources.
- Individualized attention and counseling from Resource Facility attendants related to finding appropriate job leads and job search skills.
- Referral to job placement specialists.

The Resource Facility is open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary. To date, the facility has attracted clients by word of mouth. For more information call Bryant Thomas or Steven Ngyen at (909) 475-7100.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

National Family Volunteer Day

Saturday, November 17, 2001

Call the Volunteer Center of the Inland Empire at (909) 884-2556 for details and non-profit agencies needing volunteers.

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